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Applicant: Uday P. Nadkarni

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SYSTEM AND METHOD

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please enter this preliminary amendment in connection with the above-referenced application. The commissioner is authorized to charge or credit Deposit Account No. 19-5425 (small entity) for fees associated with this amendment.

Without prejudice, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

~~Delete claims 1-20~~

~~Add the following new claims 21-38:~~

(Q)
--21. (new) A method of exchanging employment information, said method comprising the following steps: